

Captain Ramsdale inform us, that it was said a fleet of 17 sail were seen on the 5th or 6th of June, two days before he failed, off Antigua, and that soon after they came to there, 7 of them bore away towards Montserrat, but of what nation not known. Letters from St. Kitts say, that island is in great alarm, being in hourly dread of a visit from the French, as they say there is no British force in those seas to oppose them.

NORFOLK, June 22.

Captain Brownlow, who arrived here on Thursday morning, in 15 days from Guadaloupe informs, that a few days before he failed, two French line of battle ships arrived there, being part of 28 sail of the line which sailed from Brest, from which they were separated in a severe gale of wind. Captain B. converted with some English prisoners landed from the French ships that belonged to English merchantmen bound home, which were captured—they reported that there were 600 troops on board each ship, and that they were to join the Toulon and Cadiz fleets lying at Martinique.

If the report be correct, if the Brest fleet has really elapsed, and is bound out to the West-Indies, then it is doubly plain that the object of the emperor is more than the conquest of the colonies, for which so great a force is by no means requisite. The Ferrol Squadron was also expected at Martinique, supposing the information obtained there by Captain Garrow, to have been correct. When the four fleets of Brest, Toulon, Ferrol and Cadiz, shall be united, they will constitute a force of not less than fifty-five to sixty ships of the line. Now as this embraces about three-fourths (or perhaps a greater portion) of the whole naval strength of the allies, it would be next to absurd to imagine that it would be detached for the purpose of conquering a few islands, to which one-third of its force, with a proportionate number of transports would be fully adequate. Now let us suppose this manoeuvre to be part of the grand design against England; the manner in which it can contribute to it, is evident. To counteract the operations of, or to engage with success, so large a fleet as 55 sail of the line, it may be necessary for the British ministry to send after them at least 40 sail of the line, in addition to those already in the West-Indies. We have not lately seen a navy list, but we believe the number of line of battle ships in commission, in England, did not exceed 65 to 70 in November last. Of this number suppose 45 sail in the West-Indies; there would then be left about 25 to defend the channel. As soon, however, as the imperial squadrons have united, if, instead of proceeding to leeward, they should return directly to Europe, they would elude the British fleets, and while these were probably seeking for them as low down as Jamaica, they would arrive in the defenceless channel, which they would completely open to their flotilla; and the fate of England would then have to be decided on her own territory, in a contest with an army which could without obstruction, for sometime at least, receive every aid of men and necessities from France. Although this may not be the design of Buonaparte, yet we cannot think that it is such a scheme as is altogether improbable. If it should be his intention to effect his main purpose in this manner, a very short time will develop it; for in that case the stay of the imperialists in the West-Indies will not be long. They will be anxious enough to get out of the way before the arrival of a British admiral. This circuitous route may for other reasons be considered, if not the shortest, at least the safest way to the channel. The French crews were mostly raw and undisciplined; such a voyage was necessary before they could venture to encounter the hardy naval veterans of Great-Britain and Ireland.

Norfolk Ledger.

BALTIMORE, June 28.

A French gentleman, arrived here yesterday, in Deagle's packet from Norfolk; he came passenger in the schooner Hannah, Brownlow, just arrived thence from Guadaloupe; and from him we learn, that 2 French 80 gun ships arrived at Basseterre, on the 2d or 3d inst.—That they were part of the Brest fleet, from which they had separated a few days before in a gale of wind. The Toulon and Cadiz fleets remained at Fort-Royal, (Mart.) waiting the arrival of this fleet to co-operate. The only enterprise they had attempted was manning a few barges with which they attacked and took the Diamond Rock with a trifling loss.

A few days before sailing, a sloop of war was observed in chase of a vessel, bound into Basseterre, when one of the two frigates that conveyed gen. Lauriston from Martinique weighed anchor, gave her chase and brought her in. She proved to be the British sloop of war King Fisher, of 20 guns.

In Chancery, June 27, 1805.

ORDERED, That the sale made by JOHN WELCH, trustee for the sale of the real estate of Samuel Godman, mortgaged to John Gwinn, shall be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shewn before the first day of August next, provided a copy of this order be inserted in the Maryland Gazette before the fifth day of July next.

The report states, that three tracts of land, in Anne-Arundel county, called Henderson's Meadows, Addition to Sampson, and Locust Plains, containing in the whole three hundred and fifty-seven acres were sold at two dollars per acre.

True copy,  
Test. SAMUEL HARVEY HOWARD,  
Reg. Cur. Can.

The Vestry of St. Margaret's Westminster Parish, on the north side of Severn, shall OFFER for SALE, at the old church, near Severn ferry, on the first Monday in August next,

A QUANTITY of BRICKS, either the whole together, or such parcels as may best suit the purchasers.

June 28, 1805.

Notice is hereby given,

THAT application will be made to the justices of Anne-Arundel county court, at September term next, for a commission to mark and bound a tract of land called THE BEST SUCCESS, lying in Saint-Margaret's Westminster parish, in the county aforesaid, agreeably to act of assembly in such case made and provided.

1009/4i HENRY H. DORSEY,  
July 1, 1805. HENRY EVANS.

This is to give notice,

THAT the subscriber, of Anne-Arundel county, in the state of Maryland, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of ROGER DITTY, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the twenty-eighth day of November next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand, this 28th day of May, 1805.

1009/4i SAMUEL JACOB, Executor.

Five Dollars Reward.

TAKEN out of the glass case in the subscriber's store, a GOLD WATCH, with a blue enamelled back. The above reward will be given to any person who will return the same.

2 THOMAS SHAW.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of RICHARD BROWN, sen. late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, are desired to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, and those indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, to

RICHARD BROWN, Executor.

June 25, 1805.

Will be EXPOSED to PUBLIC SALE, on Friday the 26th of July, at Mr. EDWARD HALL's quarter, where Mr. Ezekiel Phelps lately resided, at 12 o'clock, for cash,

TWO negro lads, Dick and Jack, taken as the property of Martha and Edward Hall, to satisfy sundry officers fees.

HENRY HOWARD, Late Sheriff.

June 25, 1805.

Sheriff's Sales.

By virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas, to me directed out of Anne-Arundel county court, will be SOLD, for cash, on the sixth day of July, 1805, ONE man named Isaac, taken as the property of William Whetcroft, to satisfy a debt due Nicholas Z. Maccubbin.

2 J. E. TILLY, Sheriff.

By virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas, to me directed out of Anne-Arundel county court, will be SOLD, on the 11th day of July, 1805, for cash, ONE negro woman, two cows, and one horse, taken as the property of John and Margaret Conaway, to satisfy a debt due Jason Jones and wife.

June 25, 1805. 2 J. E. TILLY, Sheriff.

This is to give notice,

THAT the subscriber, of Charles county, hath obtained from the orphans court of said county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of doctor GUSTAVUS RICHARD BROWN, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the fifteenth day of January next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand, this 24th day of June, 1805.

CLEMENT DORSEY, Executor.

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, on Saturday the 1st instant, a brown negro man named GEORGE, the property of ROBERT WILLIAMS, he is about five feet ten inches high, his features are coarse, and he has a very ill look; it is uncertain what clothing he took with him; he will no doubt attempt to pass for a free man; he was about a week ago harboured at Caesar Williams's, (a negro) living in Montgomery county, near the court-house; it is probable he may not remain long there, and will be strolling about the country, as he is a lazy drunken fellow. I will give TEN DOLLARS reward if secured in any goal within this state, and if out of the state the above reward, with all reasonable charges if brought home.

JEROME FLUMMER, Trustee for ROBERT WILLIAMS, a lunatic.

N. B. I hereby forewarn all persons from harbouring or employing said fellow, or any of the negroes belonging to the said Robert Williams; as I am determined to prosecute every such offender.

West river, Anne-Arundel county,  
June 25, 1805.

THE subscriber hereby gives notice, that he intends to apply to Charles county court, at the next August term, for a commission to mark and bound a tract of land, lying, situate, and being in Trinity Parish, in Charles county, called CHARLESBOROUGH HILLS.

June 22, 1805.

2 JOHN HAW.

This is to give notice;

THAT the subscriber, of Charles county, hath obtained from the orphans court of said county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Mr. JOSEPH NEALE, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the first day of January next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand, this 24th day of June, 1805.

2 JANE NEALE, Administratrix.

Anne-Arundel County Court.

APRIL TERM, 1805.

SINGLETON WARFIELD, an insolvent debtor of Anne-Arundel county, having applied, by petition, in writing, to Anne-Arundel county court, praying the benefit of an act for the benefit of insolvent debtors, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and four, and a schedule of his property, and a list of creditors, on oath, as by the said act is required, being annexed to his said petition; and the said Singleton Warfield being under an arrest-upon mesne process for debts due before the passage of the said act, and having proved to the satisfaction of the said court that he had resided in the state of Maryland the two last years preceding the passage of the said act.—It is thereupon adjudged and ordered, that the said Singleton Warfield appear before the said court, at the court-house, in the city of Annapolis, on the twenty-fourth day of September next, then and there to produce to said court, the assent, in writing, of creditors holding two thirds of the amount of his debts, and to answer such interrogatories as may be proposed to him by his creditors, and that the said day be and it is hereby appointed the time for said creditors to appear and recommend a trustee for their benefit, and that the said Singleton Warfield give them notice of the passage of this order, by causing a copy of it to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette once in each of the next twelve successive weeks.

Signed by order,

NICH: HARWOOD, Clk.

May 31, 1805. A. A. County Court.

This is to give notice,

THAT the subscriber, of Anne-Arundel county, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of FRANCIS SIMPSON, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the seventh day of November next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand, this 7th day of May, 1805.

THOMASON SIMPSON, Executor.

By virtue of a decree from the court of chancery the subscriber will SELL, at PUBLIC AUCTION, on the tenth day of July next,

SEVERAL lots of GROUND, late the property of BENJAMIN BROOKES, deceased, in the town of Upper-Marlborough, in Prince-George's county; two of these lots are improved, on the one stands the well known tavern, lately occupied by Samuel Coolidge, with the improvements thereto attached, and on the other the house which Samuel Hepburn, Esq; has occupied for sometime past, and has just moved from. On the day of sale the unimproved lots will be particularly described, and all the improvements shewn. The terms are, bond, with security, given for the purchase money, payable in two and three years. Possession will be immediately given.

This property is sold for the payment of the debts of the deceased; all persons who have claims and have not yet exhibited them, are requested to file the same with the register of the court of chancery, with the respective vouchers, on or before the 25th day of November next.

ROBERT BOWIE, Trustee.

This is to give notice,

THAT the subscriber, of Anne-Arundel county, in the state of Maryland, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of LEWIS JONES, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the 28th day of November next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand, this 28th of May, 1805.

ELIZABETH JONES, Administratrix.

NOTICE.

THE subscriber being seized of the following tracts of land, lying in Prince-George's county, to wit: PART of MOUNT CALVERT MANOR, GRAYCROFT'S RIGHT, BROOKS RIDGE, and the FAVOUR, some of the lines whereof are held under course and distance only, hereby gives notice, that he intends to petition Prince-George's county court, at September term next, for a commission to mark and bound the said lands, agreeably to the directions of the act of assembly for marking and bounding lands.

June 5, 1805. WILLIAM N. DORSETT.